

BUDGET COMMITTEE

October 14, 2019

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PRESENT: Willie Campbell, Patty Woodby, Charles VonCannon for Ronnie Trivett, Isaiah Grindstaff, Ross Garland, Travis Hill, Aaron Frazier and Kelly Collins
ABSENT: None
CALL TO ORDER: Ross Garland, Chairman
ROLL CALL: Quorum Present

As all the committee member's hearts were heavy from the loss of Commissioner Ronnie Trivett, a chair was reserved for him at the table and a single rose placed there in his remembrance.

- Approval of Agenda

Chairman Garland removed the Sheriff's Department capital lease for vehicles from New Business on the agenda. Motion was made by Aaron Frazier, seconded by Isaiah Grindstaff to approve the agenda with this deletion. By voice roll call vote, motion carried.

- Election of Chairman

Charles VonCannon nominated Ross Garland and Aaron Frazier nominated Travis Hill for chairman. Motion was made and seconded for nominations to cease and the vote was as follows:

ROSS GARLAND: Charles VonCannon, Isaiah Grindstaff, Ross Garland and Kelly Collins

TRAVIS HILL: Willie Campbell, Patty Woodby, Travis Hill and Aaron Frazier

As the vote was a tie, another vote was taken as follows:

ROSS GARLAND: Charles VonCannon, Isaiah Grindstaff, Ross Garland, Travis Hill, Aaron Frazier and Kelly Collins

TRAVIS HILL: Willie Campbell and Patty Woodby

With a vote of 6-2, Ross Garland was duly elected Chairman for the Budget Committee for 2019-2020, by acclamation.

- Election of Vice-Chairman

Charles VonCannon nominated Travis Hill and Willie Campbell nominated Isaiah Grindstaff for Vice-Chairman. Motion was made and seconded for nominations to cease and the vote was as follows:

ISAIAH GRINDSTAFF: Willie Campbell, Isaiah Grindstaff, Ross Garland and Kelly Collins

TRAVIS HILL: Patty Woodby, Charles VonCannon, Travis Hill and Aaron Frazier

Again there was a tie vote. Isaiah Grindstaff withdrew his name from nomination and Travis Hill was elected Vice-Chairman of the Budget committee 2019-2020, by acclamation.

- Election of Secretary

Kelly Collins nominated Isaiah Grindstaff for Secretary. Motion was made and seconded to cease nominations and Isaiah Grindstaff was elected Secretary of the Budget Committee for 2019-2020, by acclamation.

- Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Isaiah Grindstaff, seconded by Patty Woodby to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2019, meeting. By voice roll call vote, motion carried. An abstaining vote was noted by Aaron Frazier.

- Public Comments

As Commissioner Ronnie Trivett was a member of the Budget Committee, Roy Livingston expressed that in his opinion it was disrespectful to have a Budget meeting on the night of Commissioner Trivett's funeral.

- Old Business

None

- New Business

Sonja Culler addressed the committee regarding a request from the Landfill Committee. She stated she and Director Benny Lyons had been called by a "lady" with a building for sale that was much better suited for recycling operations than the Keen building discussed at their last meeting. She presented appraisals and specifications of the building and stated it was appraised for \$400,000 but listed for \$380,000. She further stated there actually were two (2) buildings on the property and approximately five (5) acres of land and a profitable amount of equipment and tools included in the offer. The request from the Landfill Committee was for allocations of \$380,000 to purchase the property and \$50,000 to get it up and running possibly in as little as six (6) weeks. After much discussion as to the advantages/disadvantages of the newly found property vs. the King property, motion was made by Aaron Frazier, seconded by Isaiah Grindstaff to honor the Landfill's request and approve \$430,000 for the property purchase coming from unassigned fund balance. By a roll call vote of all ayes, motion carried. Sonja Culler asked the committee to not disclose any details concerning this purchase at the request of the property owner until the deal was approved by the full commission and finalized.

Commissioner Grindstaff gave an update on the recently purchased metal detectors out of the Courthouse Security Grant Fund. He stated the detectors were designed only to perform full body detections and something like a bracelet on the arm or something around the ankle would alert a full body detection, slowing down the entrance process. He stated he had talked with Melissa Moreland and felt the detectors should be sent back and replaced with more practical ones for the county's situation. After checking into the matter, he stated with credit for the previously purchased detectors, the additional cost would be \$600 for the new ones. He said he wanted to clarify this purchase before it was brought under General Fund #101 budget amendments, item #14.

Finance Director, Brad Burke, gave an update on the status of the budget for the Workforce Development Complex. He stated he had been working with Ms. Eggers and the Mayor on assuming the accounting for the WDC and there were several loose ends that needed to be tied up before a budget for the rest of the year could be completed. He said there were \$263,466 in leases and the county stood to see \$180,000 for the remainder of the year. He stated there were two (2) employees that would like to transition into county employees and he needed to know what the county was willing to pay them. Also there was an issue where Carter County Tomorrow was paying TCRS for two (2) employees no longer working there. He stated the budget should be ready by the end of November for the next Budget Committee meeting.

As the Roan Mountain Recreation Foundation acts as an agent of the Parks and Recreation Board to maintain the Roan Mountain Community Park, Chairman Garland presented a request from the P & R Board to contribute \$25,000 to the RMRF for the purchase of a tractor package. The RMRF is a separate non-profit entity and would be responsible for the storage and

maintenance of the tractor. Attorney Hardin stated if the county used the tractor on county property, any liability would be covered by county insurance. Motion was made by Travis Hill, seconded by Aaron Frazier to approve the \$25,000 contribution. By a roll call vote of all ayes, motion carried.

As a matter of information and a possible conversation he could present to the Buildings & Grounds Committee, Chairman Garland stated the Chamber of Commerce has in the past taken care of the lighting of the Frazer Fir at Christmas but had recently been trying to get away from that and eventually would. He stated their reasoning was a result of a presentation from a successful surrounding Chamber that told them they were spending too much time on local events and not on recruiting memberships that bring in money. As the tree is presently infected by a disease that will kill it, he said he needed to know if the county wanted to start setting aside money for the treatment. He had two (2) estimates for treatment in the amounts of \$675 and \$5,000. No action was needed at this time and Chairman Garland stated he would get this issue on the Buildings & Grounds agenda.

- Budget Amendments

Motion was made by Aaron Frazier, seconded by Travis Hill to approve General Fund #101, Budget Amendment #3, Items #1 thru #15 in the amount of \$235,101.90 as presented. By a roll call vote of all ayes, motion carried.

Motion was made by Travis Hill, seconded by Aaron Frazier to approve Drug Control Fund #122, Budget Amendment #3, Items #1 thru #2 in the amount of \$21,013 as presented. By a roll call vote of all ayes, motion carried.

Motion was made by Aaron Frazier, seconded by Isaiah Grinstaff to approve Highway/Public Works Fund #131, Budget Amendment #3, Items #1 thru #3 in the amount of \$95,181.94 as presented. By a roll call vote of all ayes, motion carried.

Motion was made by Aaron Frazier, seconded by Isaiah Grindstaff to approve General Purpose School Fund #141, Budget Amendment #3, Items #1 thru #14 in the amount of \$335,422.94 as presented. By a roll call vote of all ayes, motion carried.

Motion was made by Travis Hill, seconded by Aaron Frazier to approve Central Cafeteria Fund #143, Budget Amendment #2, Item #1 in the amount of \$208,347 as presented. By a roll call vote of all ayes, motion carried.

Motion was made by Aaron Frazier, seconded by Isaiah Grindstaff to approve Head Start Fund #145, Budget Amendment #1, Item #1 in the amount of \$5,000 as presented. By a roll call vote of all ayes, motion carried.

Motion was made by Patty Woodby, seconded by Aaron Frazier to approve the September 2019 cash donations to the Animal Shelter in the amount of \$730, the Drug Fund in the amount of \$58.63 and the Carter County Schools in the amount of \$2,100, a total of \$2,888.63. By a roll call vote of all ayes, motion carried.

Motion was made by Isaiah Grindstaff, seconded by Aaron Frazier to approve the non-cash donations to the Animal Shelter from Walmart in the amount of \$629.25. By a roll call vote of a

ayes, motion carried.

As the November Budget meeting falls on Veteran's Day, Chairman Garland reset it for Wednesday, November 6, 2019, at 5:00 P.M.

On motion by Aaron Frazier, seconded by Isaiah Grindstaff the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved for entry:

Suzi Wallace

Ross Garland, Chairman